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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY METHOD  
AND DIGITAL CAMERA

PATENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Washington, D.C.  
July 23, 2001

Honorable Director of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial evaluation, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5 and 8 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, whereby electric image signals of the two images ( $B_{1e}$ ,  $B_{2e}$ ) are compared with one another, whereby sensor elements are identified as impurity-containing ( $Z$ ), and whereby output signals provide a comparison result in the comparison-result image ( $\Delta$ ) indicating a match in at least a predetermined measure.

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